

Larry Murakami–Democrat-House District 2

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Age:

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Place of Birth:

Grand Rapids, Michigan

Occupation:

User Consultant, Arctic Region Supercomputing Center

Length of Residency in Alaska:

52 years

Alaskan communities lived in:

1962-1978 Clear, Alaska

1978-Present Fairbanks, Alaska

Education:

1972 Tri-Valley High-School Valedictorian, Healy Alaska

1972-1973 US Navy Electronics School, US Navy Nuclear Power School

1978&1979 UAF Chancellor's Honor Roll

1983 UAF Associate of Arts in Computer Information Systems

1984 UAF Bachelor of Technology in Computer Science

Military Service:

US Navy Vietnam War veteran 1972-1978

Petty Officer 3rd. Class ETR3

USS Enterprise (CVN-65), USS Gridley (CG-21)

National Defense Service Medal

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Meritorious Unit Commendation (USS Enterprise)

Navy "E" Ribbon Award (USS Enterprise)

Business and Professional Positions:

University of Alaska Staff Council member and Term-Funded Ad-Hoc Committee Chair

Former co-owner Gold Rush Ice Cream Parlour, Pioneer Park

Information Technology Consultant to Telecom clients 1992-2000

Special Interests:

Family, friends, reading, travel, computers, music, theater, fishing, walking

Statement:

Alaska needs a bi-partisan legislature again that works towards common goals for all Alaskans. We all know that making sausage is never a pretty process, but it's gotten beyond ridiculous and it's why I'm running for State House-- because like you, I'm tired of the talk. We need results that are conceived from common sense, not partisan politics.

Going door-to-door, people share their concerns and I listen. Here are a few:

1) Fairbanksans need solutions to affordable energy—just talking about the cost of heating our homes needs to end. As State Representative, I'll work for diverse energy infrastructure that includes a century of hydro-electric power from the Susitna Dam, Liquid Natural Gas from Prudhoe and electricity from Healy Clean Coal Plant. It's ridiculous that with our vast natural resources, we pay what we do to stay warm.

2) Top-notch public schools: Kindergarten through post-secondary education—where kids thrive and are ready for the jobs we create.

3) As "The Owner State," Alaskans should get their fair share of revenue from our natural resources and have a plan for our future.

4) I've been a wage earner most of my life and a union member for much of it. I support increasing the minimum wage, and I support jobs that pay a living wage—so we can put food on the table, a roof over our heads, and heat our homes.

Let's get our priorities straight. Let's get them done. I'm asking for your vote to do just that.

